

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A system that facilitates AML access to an SMBus, comprising:
an AML event handler; and,
a driver that identifies an SMBus event and dispatches the SMBus event to the
AML handler.
2. The system of claim 1, where the driver receives a status and a data associated
with the SMBus event from the SMBus.
3. The system of claim 1, where the driver employs a _Qxx control method to
dispatch the SMBus event to the AML event handler.
4. The system of claim 1, where at least one AML event handler entry point is
accessed by the _Qxx control method.
5. The system of claim 4, where the AML event handler employs a three parameter
buffer access read method to read data from an operation region associated with the
SMBus, where a first parameter of the three parameter buffer access read method
provides an initial data to a computer component providing access to the operation region
associated with the SMBus.
6. The system of claim 5, where a second parameter of the three parameter buffer
access read method is a reference to the operation region associated with the SMBus from
which the data will be read.
7. The system of claim 6, where a third parameter of the three parameter buffer
access read method holds data read from the operation region identified by the second
parameter.

8. The system of claim 6, where a third parameter of the three parameter buffer access read method is a reference to a location to store the data read from the operation region identified by the second parameter.
9. The system of claim 1, where the AML event handler employs a three parameter buffer access write method to write data to an operation region associated with the SMBus.
10. The system of claim 9, where a first parameter of the three parameter buffer access write method is the data to be written to the operation region associated with the SMBus.
11. The system of claim 9, where a first parameter of the three parameter buffer access write method is a reference to the data to be written to the operation region associated with the SMBus.
12. The system of claim 9, where a second parameter of the three parameter buffer access write method is a reference to the operation region associated with the SMBus to which the data will be written.
13. The system of claim 9, where a third parameter of the three parameter buffer access write method is a status code returned by a computer component providing access to the operation region associated with the SMBus.
14. A computer readable medium holding computer executable components for a system that facilitates access to an SMBus, comprising:
 - a computer executable identifier that identifies an SMBus event notification; and
 - a computer executable dispatcher that directly dispatches the SMBus event notification to a computer executable AML event handler.

15. A method for SMBus event handling, the method comprising:
receiving an SMBus event notification;
identifying the SMBus event notification;
dispatching the SMBus event notification to an AML event handler; and
handling the SMBus event notification in AML code.
16. The method of claim 15, where the SMBus event notification is identified by examining at least one of a data and a status associated with the SMBus event notification.
17. The method of claim 15, where dispatching the SMBus event notification comprises indexing to a _Qxx control method via a registered AML event handler.
18. The method of claim 15, where handling the SMBus event notification in AML code comprises reading an operation region associated with the SMBus that generated the SMBus notification.
19. The method of claim 18, where the operation region is accessed by a three parameter read, where a first parameter holds an initial data, a second parameter holds a reference to the operation region to be accessed and a third parameter holds data read from the operation region.
20. The method of claim 18, where the operation region is accessed by a three parameter read, where a first parameter holds an initial data, a second parameter holds a reference to the operation region to be accessed and a third parameter holds a reference to data read from the operation region.
21. The method of claim 15, where handling the SMBus event notification in AML code comprises writing an operation region associated with the SMBus that generated the SMBus notification.

22. The method of claim 21, where the operation region is written by a three parameter write, where a first parameter holds a data to be written to the operation region, a second parameter holds a reference to the operation region and a third parameter holds a returned status call.
23. The method of claim 21, where the operation region is written by a three parameter write, where a first parameter holds a reference to a data to be written to the operation region, a second parameter holds a reference to the operation region and a third parameter holds a returned status call.
24. A computer readable medium storing computer instructions operable to perform the method of claim 15.
25. A system for SMBus event handling, comprising:
means for receiving an SMBus notification;
means for locating an AML code event handler associated with the SMBus notification; and
means for invoking the AML code event handler associated with the SMBus notification.
26. The system of claim 25, comprising means for the AML code event handler to access a data object employed to communicate with an SMBus.
27. A data structure that facilitates dispatching an SMBus event to an AML code event handler, the data structure comprising:
at least one indexed AML code entry point; and
at least one AML event handler entry point associated with the at least one indexed AML code entry point.